

UTILITY PATENT



B&D No. TN1444A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Roger Q. SMITH**

Serial No.: **09/262,751**

Examiner:

Filed: **March 4, 1999**

Group Art Unit **2835**

For: **HEAVY-DUTY AUDIO EQUIPMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

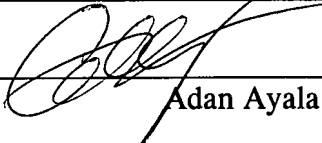
RECEIVED

NOV 28 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Technology Center 2600

I, Adan Ayala, Reg. No. 38,373, certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington DC 20231 on

Nov-15, 2000

Adan Ayala

RECEIVED
NOV 22 2000
TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

Dear Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97(c) and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of the European Patent Office search report for the priority documents and requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of these documents are enclosed herein.

In particular, the EPO examiner cited US Patents Nos. 4,709,201, 5,680,026 and 5,606,241, and European Patent Document No. EP 0 310 717 A and EP 0 920 062 A as "particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category" (Category Y).

UTILITY PATENT

B&D No. TN1444A

Each item of information contained in the present information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present information disclosure statement.

No fee is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

To discuss any aspect of this disclosure statement, or any other aspects of this application, the Examiner should call the undersigned Applicant's representative.

Respectfully submitted,



Adan Ayala
PTO Reg. No. 38,373
Attorney for Applicant

Adan Ayala - TW-199
The Black & Decker Corporation
701 East Joppa Road
Towson, Maryland 21286
(410) 716-2368